



Conservation Practice Overview

Dam, Diversion (Code 348)

A structure built to divert all or part of the water from a waterway or a stream.

Practice Information

A diversion dam is designed to divert all or part of the water from a waterway in a controlled manner for beneficial use.

This practice applies where:

- A diversion dam is an integral part of an irrigation system or a water-spreading system.
- Diversion of water from an unstable watercourse to a stable watercourse is desirable.
- The water supply available is adequate to divert.

The installation and operation of this practice must follow applicable Federal, Tribal, State, and local laws, rules and regulations.

The diversion dam will require maintenance over the expected life of the practice.

Common Associated Practices

A Dam, Diversion (348) is commonly applied with practices such as Grassed Waterway (412), Underground Outlet (620), Irrigation Canal or Lateral (320), Irrigation Reservoir (436), Aquatic Organism Passage (396), and Irrigation Ditch Lining (428).

For further information, contact your local NRCS field office.

